

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: Final Polrep
Texas Township Drum Site
Texas Towhship, MI

POLREP No.:	8	Site #:	B5PY
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	014
Start Date:	8/26/2008	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	9/8/2008	Response Type:	Emergency
Completion Date:	2/27/2009	NPL Status:	Non NPL
CERCLIS ID #:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
RCRIS ID #:		Contract #	EP-S5-08-02

Site Description

On about August 20, 2008 a fire broke out in an out building (pole-barn) at 10135 West O Avenue in Kalamazoo, Texas township, Michigan. The property owner declined assistance by the Fire Department and worked to attempt to extinguish the fire by himself. County, local and state authorities obtained a warrant against the property owner and on August 26, 2008 conducted an assessment of site conditions and performed air monitoring activities along the perimeter of the Site and around the out building. Upon inspection of the site, an estimated 400 55-gallon drums containing various hazardous materials and biological wastes were present in three (3) locations on the property, including the pole barn, staged along a trail on the property, and placed in a recently excavated pit. On August 27, 2008 EPA CID and MDEQ OCI investigators started an investigation with the help of MDEQ contractors Weston Solutions (WESTON), and Young Environmental (Young) to assist with examination and sampling of containers. On August 31, 2008 CID turned the site over to EPA Superfund division, Emergency Response Branch for an emergency removal action. Site security was immediately established. The drums are charred and the contents of some contain incompatible materials which may react when drums are moved. The Site is a threat

to the nearby human population and animals due to the dangerous nature of materials found in drums, the unstable conditions of drums, and security of the property. The adjacent area is used as rural residential property.

Current Activities

1. On 2-27-09, packaged drums of rad waste were shipped for off-site disposal to two different facilities. Based on profiles 8 drums were accepted at U.S. Ecology in Idaho and 5 drums at Perma-Fix of Gainesville, Florida. This task completed disposal of all chemical, biological, radiological waste as well as surface contaminated media found on site.

2. All personnel, equipment and supplies have been demobilized.

Planned Removal Actions

Removal and disposal of all surface waste and contaminated media is complete.

A public meeting in conjunction with MDEQ and County Health Department is planned for late March /early April.

Next Steps

Now that all surface contamination has been removed MDEQ has initiated geoprobe and ground water monitoring work.

Key Issues

None

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,202,507.00	\$97,493.00	7.50%
RST/START	\$130,000.00	\$120,500.00	\$9,500.00	7.31%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$1,430,000.00	\$1,323,007.00	\$106,993.00	7.48%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

Disposition of Wastes

Please see disposal table at the end of polrep 7

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